GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6531
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PAK SHIP IN INDIAN WATERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Pak Ship in Indian Waters?` appearing in the `Hindu` dated April 16, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): According to Intelligence reports received, the vessel `Ibrahmi` was bound for a destination between Vengurla (Maharashtra) and Goa after 30.3.2002. The Navy & Coast Guard mounted surveillance measures. However, no such vessel could be located.

(c) & (d): The Navy and Coast Guard have enhanced surveillance along the West Coast.